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SUB: ISSUE OF PRG AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KY TOLD US JULY 18 THAT GVN WILL BE SENDING OUT FOUR OR FIVE DELEGATIONS TO CAPITALS OF MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ALGIERS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. MISSION OF THESE DELEGATIONS WILL BE TO HEAD OFF ACTION BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO ADMIT PRG TO PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP. (PRG MADE TEMPORARY MEMBER AT GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE LAST YEAR.)

2. GVN DELEGATIONS WILL MAKE THESE POINTS:

A. THE CONFERENCE MUST RESPECT THE "CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE". KY SAID THAT BY THIS HE MEANT THAT BEFORE THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE TAKES ACTION THERE MUST BE A REAL CONSENSUS F MEMBERS. HE RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR AT GEORGETOWN PRG AND SHIANOUK GOVERNMENT WERE ADMITTED WITH ONLY MINORITY OF VOTES AND OVER STRONG OPPOSITION OF SOME IMPORTANT MEMBERS.

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B. DELEGATIONS WILL STRESS THAT SINCE GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE

VIETNAM SITUATION HAS CHANGED AS RESULT OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND PARIS CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINA. CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT DID NOT RPT NOT GIVE PRG GOVERNMENTAL STATUS. GVN REMAINS SOLE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM PENDING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES.

C. CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR GENERAL ELECTION AFTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES REACHED. FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS TO BE DETERMINED BY THIS ELECTION.

D. ANY ACTION BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO SEAT OR RECOGNIZE PRG WOULD BE CONTRARY TO SPIRIT OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND WOULD "PREJUDGE" NEGOTIATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN GVN AND PRG AT LA CELLE-ST CLOUD.

3. GVN DELEGATIONS ARE NOW BEING CHOSEN AND WILL DEPART FOR NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS IN EARLY AUGUST. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS AS SOON AS KNOWN.

4. KY SAID BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE BEING ASKED TO HELP GVN IN THIS EFFORT AND HOPED FOR U.S. HELP AS WELL. WE RECALELED OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE GVN PRIOR TO GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE LAST YEAR AND ASSURED KY GVN COULD COUNT ON OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

5. WE URGE THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT U.S. MISSIONS IN NON-ALIGNED CAPITALS (1) TO MAKE APPROPRIATE APPROACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING GVN STAND ALONG LINE OF PARA 2 ABOVE AND (2) TO RENDER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THEY CAN TO VISITING GVN DELEGATIONS.

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